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Warm welcome for Jofes in Cape Town

At the B'nai B'rith banquet in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Jofes. From left to right: Mr. C. Fileman, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Jofes, Dr. L. Bass, Mrs. L. Landecker and Mr. E. Wittner.

CAPE TOWN: The hope that B'nai B'rith in South Africa would grow in strength, so as to justify the creation of a grand lodge, was expressed by Mr. Saul Jofes, director-general of B'nai B'rith office of international affairs in Washington, when he

spoke at a banquet in his honour, organized by the members of B'nai B'rith in the Cape Peninsula.

Such a lodge, he said, would enable the South African Jewish community to be represented on international Jewish bodies.

Mr. Jofes described his recent meeting with the Prime Minister, the Hon. Dr. H. F. Verwoerd, when Dr. Jofes told the Prime Minister about the work of B'nai B'rith.

Dr. Verwoerd made a passing reference to the status and contribution of the Jewish community in South Africa. He seemed pleased to hear about the forthcoming development programme of B'nai B'rith in this country, with particular reference to its youth activities, its role in Jewish education, its Hillel Foundations and the extension to divisional status of B'nai B'rith in South Africa.

More than 250 people attended the banquet. Mr. Carl Fileman, president of the Cape Council of B'nai B'rith, welcomed the large gathering.

Messages were conveyed by representatives of the W.P. Zionist Council, the Cape Committee of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies and fraternal lodges and societies.

Mr. John Simon, president of the Tikvah lodge, Sea Point, proposed a vote of thanks.

During his stay in Cape Town, Mr. Jofes addressed meetings in Somerset West and Paarl and also spoke at a meeting of Jewish students at the University.

In Rondebosch he addressed a meeting organized by the newly

formed Southern Suburbs lodge. Mr. M. Sachar introduced the speaker. The president of the lodge, Mr. "Pipe" Fortes, proposed a vote of thanks.

Mr. Jofes also paid a visit to the old established B'nai Brith lodge in Oudtshoorn.